



The Alaskan Way Viaduct & Seawall Replacement Project



OCTOBER 2005 COMMENT SUMMARY

Introduction

The Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement Project database contains 6,158 comments, 28 of which were submitted in October 2005.

Origin of comments

Seventeen of the comments received were submitted via e-mail. Eleven were from community briefings.

Ten comments were received from the central region of the project area, five from the south end, and three from the north. Four comments came from outside the project area, and the origin of six comments could not be determined.

Comment Categories

Each comment submitted is categorized by the content of the message. Please note that depending on content, some comments were grouped into more than one category. There are 60 comment categories divided into six sections. The sections are economic, structures/locations, transportation, design and construction, and environmental/public safety. The comment categories range from cost and freight to traffic, air pollution and public safety.

Comments were received in the areas listed below. These are groups of similar categories with the ideas that were expressed in the comments.

Transportation:

This group includes categories such as traffic, connections/circulations, pedestrians, and bicycles. There were five comments in this group.

- Why doesn't the project increase existing capacity on the Viaduct?
- Will parking under the Viaduct be disturbed as a result of construction?
- We need the capacity that the Viaduct provides.

Design/Construction:

This group includes categories such as construction, urban design, the seawall, and engineering. There were five comments identified in this group.

- A retrofit isn't a good idea because it's only a temporary solution.
- Where will construction materials be held during construction?
- Repair it! I think it's beautiful.

Economic:

This group includes categories such as cost, funding, property value/acquisition, and tolls. There were five comments in this group.

- If the business owners alongside the Viaduct want it replaced, let them pay for it.
- We should partner with the project to encourage tourists and locals to come to the waterfront.
- Let's do what's viable and in the realm of fiscal reality.

Environmental/Public Safety:

This group includes categories like noise, public safety, earthquakes, and visual quality. There were four comments in this group.

- Leave it as it is and turn it into a green space as the Seawall fails.
- Another major earthquake would be the worst-case scenario for the Viaduct because we know it's vulnerable and unsafe.

Transit:

This group includes categories like monorail, light rail, and transit. There was one comment in this group.

- Put a rail system between the north and south lanes of I-5.